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COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. herewith submits an original and fifteen (15) copies of the "PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE RATE APPLICATION OF COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. in the above referenced document, together with the certification of publication.

Respectfully Submitted:

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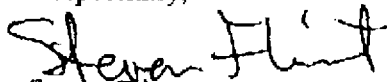
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Ms Rachel Marrufo
Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc.
900 North Gold
Deming NM 88031

Dear Ms Marrufo:

Please accept this certification that the insert entitled "PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE RATE APPLICATION OF COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. Docket No. E-01851A-09-0305" was mailed to all Arizona accounts for Columbus Electric Cooperative, enclosed with accountholders' September bills, in mailings dated September 16, 2009; September 24, 2009; and September 30, 2009.

Respectfully,


Steven Flint
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE
RATE APPLICATION OF
COLUMBUS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
Docket No. E-01851A-09-0305

On June 8, 2009, Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Columbus" or "Cooperative") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a total increase in annual revenues of \$227,000, of which \$18,500 is allocated to its Arizona members. This represents an increase of revenue from Arizona consumers of 2.83 percent. The increase may vary between consumer classes and among individual consumers within a class depending on usage. Under the rates proposed by the Cooperative, the residential customer charge would increase \$2.85, from \$9.50 to \$12.35 and the energy charge would remain unchanged.

If you have any questions concerning how the Cooperative's rate proposal will affect your bill or have other substantive questions about this application, you may contact the Cooperative at: Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc., Post Office Box 631, Deming, New Mexico 88031 or by telephone at (575) 546-8838 or 800-950-2667 or by E-mail at billing@col-coop.com.

The Commission's Utilities Division Staff has not yet made a recommendation regarding the Cooperative's rate proposal, and the Commission will determine the appropriate rate relief to be granted based on the evidence of record in this proceeding. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by the Cooperative, Staff, or any intervenors and, therefore, the final rates approved in this docket may be lower or higher than the rates described above.

How You Can view or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Proposal

Copies of the application and proposed tariffs are available at the Cooperative's offices at 900 North Gold Avenue, Deming, New Mexico and at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona and its Tucson offices, 400 West Congress, Suite 218, Tucson, Arizona and on the internet via the Commission website (www.azcc.gov/) using the e-docket function.

Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a **hearing** on this matter beginning **February 24, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission's offices, Room 222, 400 West Congress, Tucson, Arizona.

Public comments will be taken at the beginning of the first day of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. E-01841A-09-0305 to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by E-mail. For a form to use and instructions on how to E-mail comments to the Commission, go to http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/public_comment.pdf. If you require assistance you may contact the Consumer Services Section a 1-800-222-7000 or (520) 628-6550.

About Intervention

The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested parties may intervene. Any person or entity entitled by law to intervene and having a direct and substantial interest in the matter will be permitted to intervene. If you wish to intervene, you must file an original and 13 copies of a written motion to intervene with the commission no later than **January 22, 2010**, and a copy of the motion to Columbus or its counsel and to all parties of record. Your motion must contain the following:

1. Your name, address, and telephone number and the name, address and telephone number of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself.
2. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer/member of the cooperative, etc.)
3. A statement certifying that you have mailed a copy of the motion to intervene to the company or its counsel and to all parties of record in the case.

The granting of motions to intervene shall be governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before January 22, 2010. If representation by counsel is required by Rule 31 of the Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court, intervention will be conditioned upon the intervenor obtaining counsel to represent the intervenor. For information about requesting intervention, visit the Commission's website at <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/interven.pdf>. The granting of intervention, among other things, entitles a party to present sworn evidence at the hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. However, failure to intervene will not preclude any interested person or entity from appearing at the hearing and providing public comment on the application or from filing written comments in the record of the case.

ADA/Equal Access Information

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